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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES  
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)  
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

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**PCT/NO03/00082**

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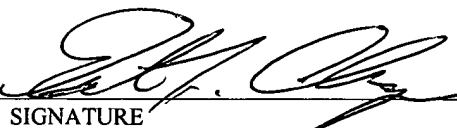
**March 12, 2002**TITLE OF INVENTION: **COUPLING**APPLICANT FOR DO/EO/US: **Sven BJØRKGÅRD**

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☐ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. ☒ The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)).
  - a. ☐ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau.
  - b. ☒ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed with the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☒ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)).
  - a. ☒ is attached hereto.
  - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154 (d)(4).
7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).
  - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d. ☒ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).

Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:

11. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98
12. ☒ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☐ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
15. ☐ A Substitute specification.
16. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
17. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821-1.825.
18. ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154 (d)(4).
19. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application 35 U.S.C. 154 (d)(4).
20. ☒ Other items or information:
  - a. ☒ Copy of cover page of International Publication No. **WO 03/076218 A1**.
  - b. ☐ Copy of Notification of Missing Requirements.

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| U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37CFR 1.5)<br><b>10/507319</b>   |              | INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.<br>PCT/NO03/00082 |      | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER<br>03438.0109   |          |
| 21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:<br><b>BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492 (a) (1) - (5)):</b><br><br>Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO and International Search Report not prepared by the EPO or JPO ..... \$1080.00<br><br>International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but International Search Report prepared by the EPO or JPO ..... \$920.00<br><br>International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but International Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO ..... \$770.00<br><br>International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) paid to USPTO but all claims did not satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) ..... \$730.00<br><br>International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) paid to USPTO and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33 (1)-(4) ..... \$100.00<br><br><b>ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =</b> |              |   |      | \$920.00   |          |
|  |              |   |      |  |          |
| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492 (e)). <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30   |              |   |      | \$   |          |
| CLAIMS   | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA                                    | RATE |  |          |
| Total Claims   | 7            | - 20 =  | 0    | x \$18.00  | \$       |
| Independent Claims   | 1            | - 3 =   | 0    | x \$86.00  | \$       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)  |              |   |      | +\$290.00  | \$290.00 |
| <b>TOTAL OF THE ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>   |              |   |      | \$1210.00  |          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.   |              |   |      | \$   |          |
| <b>SUBTOTAL =</b>  |              |   |      | \$1210.00  |          |
| Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than months from the earliest priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)). <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30   |              |   |      | \$   |          |
| <b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>  |              |   |      | \$1210.00  |          |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21 (h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property.   |              |   |      | \$40.00  |          |
| <b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>   |              |   |      | \$1250.00  |          |
|  |              |   |      | Amount to be refunded:   | \$       |
|  |              |   |      | charged:   | \$       |
| a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ <u>1250.00</u> to cover the above fees is enclosed.<br>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.<br>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>06-0916</u> . A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.<br>d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. <b>WARNING:</b> Information on this form may become public. <b>Credit card information should not be included on this form.</b> Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.  |              |   |      |  |          |
| NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137 (a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.   |              |   |      |  |          |
| <b>SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:</b><br>Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner, L.L.P.<br>1300 I Street, N.W.<br>Washington, D.C. 20005-3315<br>EFC/FPD/sci<br>DATED: September 10, 2004   |              |   |      |  |          |
|  |              |   |      | <br>SIGNATURE<br>Ernest F. Chapman/25,961<br>NAME/REGISTRATION NO. |          |